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1. On 23 November, the North Korean 7 Division moved from the vicinity of P'an'gyo-ri (127-41, 38-33) (CT-8567) north to the Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643) rest area.
2. The North Korean 3 Evacuation Hospital is at Yangdok Hotsprings.
3. On 25 November, elements of the Chinese Communist 28 Army were observed moving south from Yangdok. Headquarters of the 28 Army was 1½ miles south of P'an'gyo-ri.
4. From 23 November to 5 December, Chinese Communist troops were replacing North Korean troops in the Hoeyang (127-37, 38-42) (CT-8084) area. There are 600 Soviet anti-aircraft and heavy artillery troops in a school 2 miles north of Hoeyang.
5. In early December, the Chinese Communist 127 Unit and the 301 Unit were constructing a new defense line from Hoeyang to P'yonggang (127-18, 38-25) (CT-5253), with 6,000 troops and 2,000 conscripted civilians working. The North Korean troops being re-equipped in the rear area will occupy a new line when completed.
6. On 30 November, three regiments with the code names Apnok-gang (Yalu River), Myohyang-san and Changpae-san, formerly attached to the North Korean I Corps, moved from Hwanghae Province to an area south of Yangdok. There is a heavy concentration at Hoeyang of crack North Korean troops, with the best equipment of any line unit. This unit is now in a rest area being entertained by a North Korean military band and a special service show of three singers and dancers.
7. Between 1 and 8 December, the North Korean V Corps was reorganizing in the Yonghung (127-14, 39-33) (CU-4879)-Hambung (127-32, 39-54) (CU-7517) area. Fifteen hundred men from Ich'on (126-53, 38-30) (CT-1563) are included in the North Korean V Corps.
8. Between 1 and 8 December, 3,000 Chinese Communist tank troops with 100 Josef Stalin tanks were in an assembly area between Yangdok and Kowon (127-15, 39-26) (CU-4966) running field, problems in the hilly terrain. These Chinese

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Communist armored units completed training about 1 November at Tingchiat'un (approximately 123-03, 39-47), Manchuria.<sup>1</sup>

9. The North Korean 5076 (sic) Signal Unit maintains constant maintenance of the main supply route from P'yongyang to Hamhung and is doing a good job. The efficiency of railroad repair and construction workers has increased 50 percent in the last 6 months. P'yongyang-Hamhung railroad operates a train every other day.

1.   Comment. This is the first mention of a training area for armored units at this location. However, there have been other reports of training bases for armored units in other locations in Manchuria.

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